

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION/\$1.8 Billion Cut to Match Budget Resolution

SUBJECT: National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997 . . . S. 1745. Thurmond/Nunn amendment No. 4346.

ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 100-0

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1745, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, will authorize a total of \$267.3 billion in budget authority for national defense programs (the President requested \$254.3 billion). In real terms, this bill will authorize \$5.6 billion less, and the President requested \$18.6 billion less, than was provided in fiscal year (FY) 1996.

The Thurmond/Nunn amendment would add the following, "Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the total amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 1997 for the national defense function under the provisions of this Act is \$265,583." (This amendment would reduce the total amount authorized by \$1.8 billion in order to match the defense spending level in the budget resolution, as passed; in actual spending, or outlays, this bill already matches the proposed spending in the budget resolution.)

Those favoring the amendment contended:

The Armed Services Committee finished its markup of this bill before the Senate even passed its version of the budget resolution for this year. When the budget resolution was then passed, with all spending priorities weighed against each other in the plan to balance the budget by 2002, the total authorized amount for defense ended up \$1.8 billion less than this bill will authorize. Accordingly, we should now adjust the total authorized amount in this bill to match the amount that Congress has decided in the budget resolution should be authorized for defense. The specific cuts will be worked out in conference. The majority of Senators who are not happy with the defense numbers in this bill because they represent a cut in real terms from last year's spending will support this further cut in order to conform to the budget resolution, and the minority of Senators who support the deeper cuts that were proposed by the President will support this cut as the best that they can get. Therefore, this amendment should pass unanimously.

(See other side)

YEAS (100)				NAYS (0)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republican (53 or 100%)		Democrats (47 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Helms	Akaka	Inouye				
Ashcroft	Hutchison	Baucus	Johnston				
Bennett	Inhofe	Biden	Kennedy				
Bond	Jeffords	Bingaman	Kerrey				
Brown	Kassebaum	Boxer	Kerry				
Burns	Kempthorne	Bradley	Kohl				
Campbell	Kyl	Breaux	Lautenberg				
Chafee	Lott	Bryan	Leahy				
Coats	Lugar	Bumpers	Levin				
Cochran	Mack	Byrd	Lieberman				
Cohen	McCain	Conrad	Mikulski				
Coverdell	McConnell	Daschle	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Murkowski	Dodd	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Nickles	Dorgan	Murray				
DeWine	Pressler	Exon	Nunn				
Domenici	Roth	Feingold	Pell				
Faircloth	Santorum	Feinstein	Pryor				
Frahm	Shelby	Ford	Reid				
Frist	Simpson	Glenn	Robb				
Gorton	Smith	Graham	Rockefeller				
Gramm	Snowe	Harkin	Sarbanes				
Grams	Specter	Heflin	Simon				
Grassley	Stevens	Hollings	Wellstone				
Gregg	Thomas		Wyden				
Hatch	Thompson						
Hatfield	Thurmond						
	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.